(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen press reports alleging spurious Television sets being sold under well-known brand names.

(b) To discourage the sale of spurious Television sets which result in loss of revenue, Government has recently imposed excise duty (and equivalent countervailing duty) of Rs. 600 on all Colour Television picture tubes and Rs. 150 on Black and White Television picture tubes above 36 cm. screen size.

Import duty on gift parcels

1976. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have totally exempted the gift Parcels coming from abroad from the payment of import duty;

(b) if so, the upper value limit fixed by the Government;

(c) whether it is proposed that as a matter of export promotion. Government propose to extend this duty-free concession to small value trade samples received from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Bonafide gifts, excluding alcoholic drinks, not exceeding Rs. 200 in value imported by post or as air-freight are free of import duty.

(c) and (d) Two units each of bonafide commercial samples or prototypes of goods upto a value of Rs. 200 when imported into India by post or by air by manufacturers of export goods are exempt from the import duty. Further, commercial samples upto Rs. 1000 in value, imported as personal baggage by bonafide commercial travellers or by post or air and prototypes of engineering goods up to Rs. 1000 in value imported for executing or for securing export orders are exempt from duty subject to certain specified conditions. Prototypes of engineering goods exceeding Rs. 1000 in value are permitted on re-export basis.

Scheme for funding the installation of TV transmitters

1977. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to allow the State Governments, the Public Sector Undertakings, Co-operatives and private organisations to fund the installation of TV transmitters in their areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to erect a TV transmitter at MANMAD under the above-mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Such a scheme already exists.

(b) A copy of the scheme giving necesary details is attached as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No such offer has been received by the Government.

Statement

Details of the scheme for funding the installation of TV relay transmitters by State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Cooperatives, Private Institutions, etc. in uncovered parts of the country

Frequent requests are being received from Members of Parliament and others for setting up TV transmitters in areas where it has not so far been possible to provide TV service. With the completion of VII Plan schemes, TV service will be available to about 70 per cent of the country's population and the coverage is expected to increase to 80 per cent by the end of the VII Plan. With a view to bridging the coverage gap, at least to some extent, it has been decided to invite the State Governmens, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Private institutions, etc. to come forward for funding installation of TV relay transmitters in their respective uncovered areas, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) the ownership of the TV transmitter will vest in Doordarshan;

(ii) the transmitter will be operated and maintained by Doordarshan; and

(iii) programmes to be transmitted by such transmitters will be decided exclusively by Doordarshan.

The essential capital and non-recurring costs of setting up a low power (100 W) TV relay transmitter (LPT) with a service range of about 25 kms and a (2x10 W) very low power TV relay transmitter (VLPT) with a service range of about 8 kms are estimated to be Rs. 37.05 lakhs and Rs. 31.00 lakhs respectively. at current prices. The VLPTs will be generally unmanned and operated on solar power. If the State Government/Union Territory Administration or any other agency is interested in having TV transmitters set up under this scheme, the necessary payment will have to be made in advance through a bank draft in the name of "Pay & Accounts Officer (TV), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi" which may be forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief, Doordarshan, Doordarshan Bhavan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi. Any escalation in the cost of equipment until completion of installation will also have to be deposited. Further, the State Government/Union Territory Administration or any other funding agency will have to provide to Doordarshan, free of cost. a suitable site, building and, in the case of a 100 W transmitter, also staff quarters for about 9 officials. The recurring expenditure for operation and maintenance of such a transmitter including salary of staff, etc. will, however, be borne by the Central Government (Doordarshan).

Action to instal a transmitter under this scheme will be undertaken by Doordarshan only after receipt of information about the payment of the amount mentioned above. Installation of transmitters under this scheme will also depend on the availability of frequency channels for operation.

Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations in regard to the All India Services

1978. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission in regard to the All India Services with which Government had not agreed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for Government's decision to disagree with the Commission's recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF